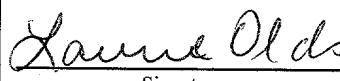


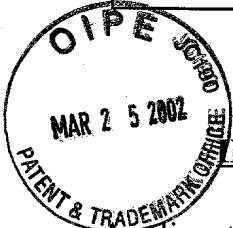
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, line 15: change "Ligure 16 depicts" to -- Figures 16A-D depict --.

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REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is presented to address a change in the drawings.

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Bparg 1 MSAGPGCEPCTKRPWMDAAATSPPAASDARSFPGRQRVRVLDSKDAPVQFRVPPSSSGCALGRAGQERGSATSL
 Eparg 1 MNAGPGCEPCTKATRWGAATTs. PAASDARSFPSRQRVRVLDPKDAEVQFRVPPSSPACVPGQAGQERGSATSL
 Mparg 1 MSAGPGWEPCPTKA. RWGAAGTSAPIASDARSFPGRQRVRVLDPKDAVPQFRVPPSSPACVSGRAGPERGSATHF
 Dparg 1
 Ceparg1

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 Mparg 73 VFQKQKTTITSMMDTKGIKTKVESK. . . SXEHHTREESMSSVQKDHFYPHKVEKLEHVPQNLNLDKSPTEKSSQY
 Dparg 1
 Ceparg1

Bparg 218 LKQHQTAAAMCKWQHHGPHSERLLESEPPAVTLVPEQF SHAHVDQSSPKDDHSDTNSEESRDNQQFLTHVKL. . .
 Eparg 217 LKQHQTAAAMCKWQHHGKHTEQLLSEPPQTVTLVPEQF SHAHIDRDRSSPQNDHSDTDSEEHRDNQQFLTIVKL. . .
 Mparg 214 LKQQQQTASVCKWQHHGKHAEQLLASEPPAGTPLPKQLSHAHIGQSPETDDHSDTDHEEDRDNQQFLTPIKL. . .
 Dparg 1
 Ceparg1

Bparg 298 . ANAKQTMEDEQGREARSHQKCGKACHPAEACAGCQQEETDVVYSESPLSDTGSEDVGTGLKHAHRLHROQESSL
 Eparg 297 . ANAKQTTEDEHAREAKSHQKCSKSCHPGEDCASCQQDEIDDVVPKSPLSDVGSSEDVGTGSKHDHKLIRQESCL
 Mparg 291 . ANTKPTVGDGQ. . . ARSHCKCSGSRQSKEDCTGQCQQEEVDVLPESPLSDVGAEDIGTGPKHDHKLGTGQESSL
 Dparg 1
 Ceparg 33 TMKRRKLTEEGNTTIESKEDPEEPKSRDVFVSSQSSDESQEDSAENPEIAKEVSENCENLITLKISNIESLDN

Bparg 396 GHSPPFKESEPESPMDVDSNSKHSCQDSEADEETSPGFDE. QEDSSSAQTANKPSRFQPREADTELRKRSSAK
 Eparg 395 GHSPPFKESEPESPMDVDSNSKHSCQDSEADEETSPGFDE. QEDGSSSQTANKPSRFQARDADIEFRKRYSTK
 Mparg 387 GDSPPFKESEPESPMDVDSNSKHSCQDSEADEETSPVFD. QEDRSS. QTANKLSSCQAREADGDLRKRYLTK
 Dparg 1 MQEFRSHLIFPIFQ. KVIQS. TANRRR. ASASVL. . . . TNRLGK. . . .
 Ceparg 106 VTERSEHTLDN. . . HKSTEPHEE. DVNNKSHIDVAINSDEDDELVLEENHKEMRDGEQQQLS. . . QDLFADD

FIG. 16A

Bparg	468	GGEIRLHFQFEGGESRAGMN . DVNAKRPGSTSSLNVECRNSKQEGRKIDSKITDEFMRVPKAEDKRKEQCEMKH
Eparg	467	GGEVRLHFQFEGGESRTGMN . DLNAKLPGNITSSLNVECRNSKQEGKKDSKITDELMRRLPKAEDDRKEQWETKH
Mparg	354	GGEVRLHFQFE . GEMNAGTS . DLNAKPSGNSSSSLNVECRSSKQEGKRDSKITDEFMRISKSEDRKEQCEVRH
Dparg	59	. TEEE . PENLANSL . DDSWRGSMEAITHRNQPFELNLPPVTAGNLHRVMIQLPIRET . . PPR . PIKSPG
Ceparg	172	QELIEIPGIMKDTTTQLDITDSEVETAQKMEMIEETEADSTFVGEDSKATKTVRTSSSSF . . LSTVSTCEAP
Bparg	540	QRTERKIPKYYPPHLSPDKKWLGTPIEEM . . RRMPPRCGIRLPLRPSANHTVTIRVDLRLIGEVVPK . PFPTHF
Eparg	539	QRTERKIPKYYPPPELSPDKKKWLGTPIEEM . . RRMPPRCGIRLPLRPSANHTVTIRVDLRLAGEVVPK . PFPTHY
Mparg	425	QRTERKIPKYYIPPMPLPEKKWLGTPIEEM . . RKMPRCGITHLPSLRPSASHTVTIRVDLRLAGEVVPK . PFPTHY
Dparg	125	X . . WDSEEVRLPCAPESKYPRENPDGS . TTIDFRWEMIERALLQPIKTCEELQAAITSIHTTIRDQWEFRALE
Ceparg	242	AKGRARMIQKELEKEVIAFTEGNLT . . . LQPDLNKVDPDRNIRI . CTIPNFPASQG . . . KLRED . NRIG . .
Bparg	610	KDLWDNKEVXMPCSEQNLYPVEDENG . RAAGSRWEIQTALLHRLTRPQNLKDAILKINVAISKWKDFTALI
Eparg	609	KDLWDNKEVXMPCSEQNLYPVEDENG . RTAGSRWEIQTALLHKFTRPQNLKDAILKINVAISKWKDFTALI
Mparg	495	KDLWDNKEVXMPCSEQNLYPVEDENG . RTAGSRWEIQTALLHKFTRPQNLKDAILKINVAISKWKDFTALV
Dparg	196	QLLDELDSESTRVFFQSTILPDMVKIALCLPNICTQPIPLLKQKMNHSITMSQEQQIASSLANAFFCTFPRRNA
Ceparg	367	PKIVLPQRWRE . FDSRGRR . . RDSYFYFKRKLKGILKCIKTGTYFMFVGLLH . . . HMWE . . FDPDITIK
Bparg	682	DFWDXVLEEAAQHLYQSLPDMVKIALCLPNICTQPIPLLKQKMNHSITMSQEQQIASSLANAFFCTFPRRNA
Eparg	681	DFWDXVLEEAAQHLYQSLPDMVKIALCLPNICTQPIPLLKQKMNHSITMSQEQQIASSLANAFFCTFPRRNA
Mparg	567	DFWDXVLEEAAQHLYQSLPDMVKIALCLPNICTQPIPLLKQKMNHSITMSQEQQIASSLANAFFCTFPRRNA
Dparg	269	. KMKSEISSYDPDIHFNRLFEGRSSRKPKEKLKTLFCIERRV . . TERDASNVPITGVVTFVRRSGLPEE . L . IDWS
Ceparg	424	. . . LPAL . EMYYKEMSELVGREEVLEKARVARIAKTAEDILPERIYRLVGDVE . SATLSHKQCAALVARMF
Bparg	755	. KMKSEISSYDPDIHFNRLFEGRSSRKPKEKLKTLFCIERRV . . TEKK . . . PTGLVTFIROS . L . ED . F . PEWE
Eparg	754	. KMKSEISSYDPDIHFNRLFEGRSSRKPKEKLKTLFCIERRV . . TEKK . . . PTGLVTFIROS . L . ED . F . PEWE
Mparg	387	. KMKSEISSYDPDIHFNRLFEGRSSRKPKEKLKTLFCIERRV . . TEKK . . . PTGLVTFIROS . L . ED . F . PEWE
Dparg	337	QSAAFLGDVPLEVDAEGTIEDEGIGLLQVDFAHKYLGGGVLGHGCVQEEIRFVICPELLVGVKLFTECLRPFEEA
Ceparg	491 FCRILSSDKSICVEKLKFLFTIF DKMSMDPPDGAVSF . RLTKMD

FIG. 16B

Bparg	817	RCEKLL..TRILEVIYEGTIEGNGQGMLQVDFFAHRFVGGGVTSAGLVQEEIRFLIHPPELIVSRLFIEVLDHNEC
Eparg	816	RCEKPL..TRILEVIYEGTIEGNGQGMLQVDFFAHRFVGGGVTSAGLVQEEIRFLIHPPELIVSRLFIEVLDHNEC
Mparg	702	RCEKPL..TRILEVIYEGTIEGNGRGMILQVDFFAHRFVGGGVTSAGLVQEEIRFLIHPPELIVSRLFIEVLDHNEC
Dparg	410	LVMGLAERYSNTGIAGSFIEWS...GNFEDSTP.RDSSGRQTAIVAI DALHFA.QSHH...QYREDL
Ceparg	543	KDIFNEEW.XDXXLRSLLPEVEFFDEMLIEDTAL.CTQVDFAFHEHLGGGVLNHGSVQEEIRFLMCPEMMVGMLL
Bparg	888	LIITGTEQIISEYTGIAETYRWA...RSHEDRSE.RDDWQRRTTEIVAI DALHFR.RYLD...QFVPEKIR
Eparg	887	LIITGTEQIISEYTGIAETYRWS...RSHEDRSE.RDDCERRCTEIVAI DALHFR.RYLD...QFVPEKMR
Mparg	773	LIITGTEQIISEYTGIAETYRWA...RSHEDRSE.KDDWQRRCRTEIVAI DALHFR.RYLD...QFVPEKVR
Dparg	472	MERELHKAYIGFVHMMVTTP..PGVATGNWGCGAFCGGDSYLKALLQLMVCAQLGRPLAYYTFGNVEFRDDF
Ceparg	614	CEKMKQLEAISIVGAYFSSSYTGYGHTLKWAEI LQPNHSRQNTNEFRDRFGRLRVETIAIDAILFKGSKLDCQT
Bparg	951	RELHKAYCGFLIRPGVSEHLSAVATGNWGCGAFCGGDARLKALIQYLAAVAERDVVIFTFGDSELMRDIYSMH
Eparg	950	RELHKAYCGFLIRPGVSEHLSAVATGNWGCGAFCGGDARLKALIQYLAAVAERDVVIFTFGDSELMRDIYSMH
Mparg	835	RELHKAYCGFLIRPGVSEHLSAVATGNWGCGAFCGGDARLKALIQYLAAAAERDVVIFTFGDSELMRDIYSMH
Dparg	543	HEMWLLFRNDGTTVQQ.LWS.ILRSYSLIKEKSKEPRENKASKKKLYDFI..KEELKKVVRDVPGE GAS
Ceparg	687	EQLNKANIIREMKKASIGFMSQGPKFTHIP.IVTGWWCGAFCNGDKPLKFIIQVIAAGVADRPLHFCSGFGEPE
Bparg	1021	TFLTERKLTVGE.VYKLLRYYNEECRNCSTPGP...DIKLYPFIYHAVE SCTQTTNQPGQRTGA-----
Eparg	1020	TFLTERKLTVGD.VYKLLRYYNEECRNCSTPGP...DIKLYPFIYHAVE SCAETADHSQRTGT-----
Mparg	907	TFLTERKLTVGK.VYKLLRYYNEECRNCSTPGP...DIKLYPFIYHAVE SSAETTDMPGQKAGT-----
Dparg	611	AEAGSSRVAGLGE GKSETSAKSSPELNKQPARPQITITQQSTDLLPAQLSQDNNSSEDQALLMLS DDEEA
Ceparg	759	LAAXCKKTIERMKQKDVTLGKSCFSIFS-----
Bparg	1087	-----
Eparg	1086	-----
Mparg	969	-----
Dparg	684	NAMMEAASLEAKSSVEI SNSSTTSKTSSTATKSMGSGRQLSLL EMLDTHYEKG SASKR PRKSPNCSKAEG
Ceparg	787	-----

FIG. 16C

Bparg	1	
Eparg	1	
Mparg	1	
Dparg	410	
Ceparg	543	
Bparg	101	
Eparg	100	
Mparg	97	
Dparg	472	
Ceparg	614	
Bparg	201	
Eparg	200	
Mparg	197	
Dparg	543	
Ceparg	687	

FIG. 16D